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FYI: FOLLOWING IS ESSENTIAL TEXT OF REPORT FROM WASH (FRED EMERY) IN TIMES THIS AM UNDER HEADING "UK INTENT ON CUTTING AIR SERVICES IF TALKS FAIL".

1. SEC ADAMS WANTS IT PLAINLY UNDERSTOOD IN BRITAIN THAT HE AND PRESIDENT ARE IN EARNEST OVER SEEING AIR SERVICES BETWEEN BRITAIN AND US HALTED IF PRESENT LONDON TALKS FAIL.

2. "WE'LL CALL A HALT." MR. ADAMS TOLD ME THIS

MORNING. "WE HAVE REACHED THE BOTTOM LINE; THE PRESIDENT HAS REACHED THE BOTTOM LINE."

3. ADAMS SAID US DID NOT WISH PRESENT AGREEMENT SIMPLY PROLONGED UNTIL NEW ONE IS AGREED. THAT COULD BE DONE IF BOTH SIDES AGREED. BUT ADAMS SUGGESTED THERE WAS NO POINT. BRITAIN HAD STARTED THIS BY DENOUNCING OLD
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AGREEMENT. "IF BRITISH WON'T GIVE, WE'LL CALL A HALT. SURE, THIS IS A TOUGH TIME BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES.

4. IT IS DIFFICULT TO ASSESS HOW MUCH BRINKMANSHIP AMERICANS ARE USING. ONE BRITISH OFFICIAL HERE AGREED THERE WAS AN "ELEMENT OF CHICKEN" ABOUT STAND TAKEN.

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5. TO HMG,SUSPENDING AIR SERVICES HAS ALWAYS BEEN UNTHINKABLE. BUT NOT SO TO ADAMS. HE IS SAYING NO MORE THAN HAS BEEN APPARENT HERE FOR SOME WEEKS, BUT HE WANTS IT KNOWN PUBLICLY.

6. HIS EXPLANATION IS THAT CARTER ADMINISTRATION SIMPLY

WILL NOT FOLLOW HMG INTO TIGHTER RESTRICTIONS ON AIR-LINES.

7. ADAMS SAYS HE IS OPTIMISTIC OVER LAKER SKYTRAIN. HE NOTES HE PERSONALLY RECOMMENDED IT TO PRESIDENT AND HE BELIEVES SERVICE WILL BEGIN BY AUTUMN.

8. ARTHUR REED, AIR CORRESPONDENT, WRITES: NEGOTIATORS FROM BRITAIN AND US RESUMED TALKS ON NEW ATLANTIC AIR AGREEMENT IN LONDON AFTER 2 DAY RECESS DURING WHICH AMERICAN SIDE TOOK NEW INSTRUCTIONS FROM WASHINGTON.

9. AT END OF DAY, BOTH SIDES APPEARED SLIGHTLY MORE HOPEFUL THAT COMPROMISE COULD BE REACHED: THEY AGREED TO GO ON TALKING THIS MORNING.

10. ACCORDING TO WHITEHALL SOURCES, AMERICAN PROPOSALS FOR CONTROLLING NUMBER OF EMPTY SEATS ON NORTH ATLANTIC AIR SERVICES WHICH WERE FOUND UNACCEPTABLE BY THE BRITISH SIDE WHEN TABLED ON MONDAY, HAVE BEEN NOW

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